TARIFF.

The New Law Is Debated.

Dockery, of Missouri, Scores Tariff and Alleged Protection.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The senate concerned itself with the civil service debate, arising on a resolution by Allen of Nebraska, to investigate the South Omaha, Neb. Allen, Wilson of Washington, and Gallinger of New Hampshire, denounced the civil service law vigorously. Hawley, of Connecticut and Hoar, Marsachusetts supported it.

The senate adopted a resolution but added an amendment directing the civil service committee to examine into the general action of the civil service law, and whether it shall be "continued," amended or reported.

POPULAR VOTE.

Turpie, of Indiana, made a speech in the senate in support of his joint resolution for an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of senators by the direct vote of the people. He spoke of the usurpation of power by trusts and the influence they exerted over legislatures.

DEBATE.

There was less than fifty members on the floor when the house entered on the second day of the tariff debate at 10 o'clock. As the day advanced, members poured in and the galleries became crowded. Gibson, Republican, of Tennessee, the first speaker, delivered a general argument in favor of protection.

Dockery, Democrat, of Missouri, who followed, said that it was not a surprise to him that the discussion thus far had been tame and uninteresting.

"The truth is," said he, "the people of this country want more money and less taxes (Democraeic applause), and this bill does not represent the issue of the last campaign. The people would rather see $113,000,000 more money put in circulation than to see that amount absorbed by treasury."

Dockery said that it did not lie in the mouth of the Republicans to criticise the bond issues of the last administration.

"Cleveland was criticised on this side of the house," said he, "while you endorsed his policy in the last congress. Your committee on ways and means refused to give the house an opportunity to vote on the senate resolution, prohibiting bond issues, because your leaders have been notified by fifty Republicans from the West that they would be compelled to vote for it.

Dockery ridiculed the idea that the present tariff law was the monster which had distroyed our industries. If it had done so, why, he asked, had the Republican members of the ways and means committee lifted the metal and cotton schedule almost bodily from this monstrous law? He denied there was an era of prosperity for labor during the existence of the McKinley law, and instanced the Carnegie strike

"That catastrophe," interruped Daizell, "was the result of a contest between organized labor and the opponents of organized labor. McKinley had nothiug to do with it."

"Yes; and the protected employer hired Pinkerton detective to shoot down organized labor," returned Dockery. A distinguised Republican, then a member of the house, told me at the time that it was the worst disaster the Republican party had experienced in twenty years."

Dockery was especially sarcastic in his remarks on the absurdity of giving alleged protection to agricultural products, saying that of the $569,000,000 in products exported by the United States last year, $504,000,000 were agricultural products. In conclusion, he said the policy of protection had driven our flag from the high seas, impoverished the laboring men, and multiplied farm mortgages.

Newland, silveaite, of Nevada, then took the floor as spokesman for his party, which numbers three members in the house.

Mr. Newland discussed the tariff bill from the standpoint of the silver men, who united with Democrats and Populists during the campaign in opposition to the Republicans. This alliance, he said, still continued, and was likely to amalgamate the combined forces into one strong party with silver as the supreme dominant issue, all other questions being subordinated to it, and the largest tolerance being exercised as to differences of opinion on other questions which hetetofore have divided the various elements constituting the silver forces. Much depended in the future upon tolerance, wisdom and conservatism of action of the allied parties, and he proposed to address himself to what line of party action would best promote the cause of bimetalism, which he regarded as the only radical cure for present conditions.

Although, he continued, it is sometimes difficult to determine the exact issues seetled by the campaign, there can be no question as to the tariff. The popular verdict of the election was in favor of protection. The Democratic party declared silver to be the dominant issue and the Republican party snatched victory from the most desperate conditions.

The Republican victory would not have been complete had not the Democratic party presented other unnecessary issues which handicapped Bryan's candidacy, furnished a pretext for misrepresentation and abuse and, really, divided the friends of silver.

As it was, however, he said, the people had declared in favor of protection, and the Republican party should, in his judgment, act without obstruction and with expedition. Newland declared that both industrial and monetary legislation were necessary and that of the two the latter was more necessary.

Tariff legislation alone, he asserted, would not give relief. Producing as we do a surplus of wheat, cotton and other farm products, the price of the exportable surplus is fixed in Liverpool, and the Liverpool price fixes also the domestic price. In the Liverpool markets these products come in competition with the products of India, Russia, Argentine and other countries, none of which are upon the gold basis. These countries are willing to accept the old silver price for their products. The old silver price means today half the old gold price, so we have the price of our farm products cut in two by the competition of these countries. Restore the old gold price of silver to $1.29 per ounce, and we immediately restore the old gold prices of our farm products, and this means, he said, protection to American farms and plantations just as the tariff law means protestion to the factory.

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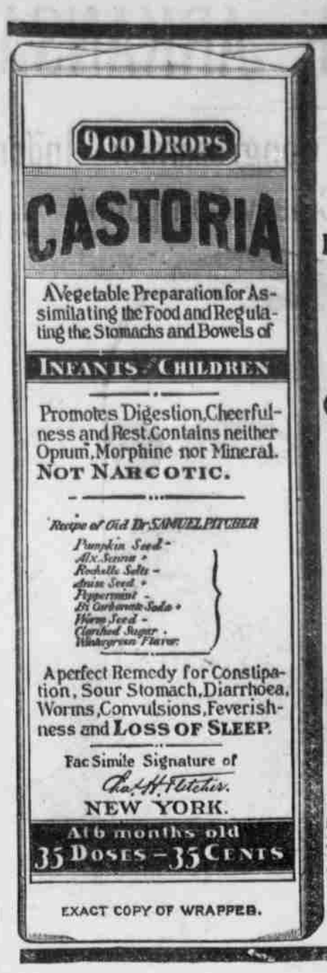

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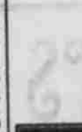

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